

## DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS – 3

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#### REVIEW:

- There are three baptisms: into the body, in water, with the Spirit.
- Being baptized with the Spirit and being filled with the Spirit are the same.
- Once filled with the Holy Ghost, they spoke in tongues.
- The mouth is the outlet for the heart. (Self, money, kids, sports, work, gospel, etc.)

#### CONTINUE: REASONS TO SPEAK IN TONGUES

1. It's the initial evidence of being filled with the Spirit.
  - A. **ACTS 2:4, 10:44-46, 19:6** God established the pattern.
2. It's our spirit speaking directly to God.
  - A. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:2** God's plan and will are already in us. Praying in tongues moves what's in our spirit to our mind. Our mind will pick up on things and perceive things we need to understand.
  - B. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:13-15 (AMPC)** There's interaction between our spirit and the Holy Spirit. Our intellect is by-passed, but we can pray for interpretation.
  - C. **1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-12** The Spirit reveals things to us we need to know. Our mind begins perceiving things as we pray in tongues.
3. It's a means of self-edification.
  - A. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:4** Edify (Gr.) build a building or adding on and expanding our house. It increases our spiritual capacity.
  - B. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:18** Paul spoke in tongues more than anyone, and wrote more of the bible than anyone. By increasing our spiritual capacity, we increase our ability to help and bless others. Studying can increase our mental abilities, and praying in tongues can expand our spiritual capacity for revelation.
4. It assists our prayer lives.
  - A. **ROMANS 8:26-27** Our minds are limited in prayer. This is why Paul said to do both. Pray with our understanding and with our spirit.
5. It impacts our faith.
  - A. **JUDE 20** It takes faith to speak in tongues. The more we pray in tongues, the more we build or charge up our most holy faith. It's like charging our cell phone.
  - B. **1 PETER 1:7** Our faith is precious. We should treasure it and protect it. The more we feed on the Word and pray in tongues, the more we build up our most holy faith.
6. It helps us control the tongue.
  - A. **JAMES 3:8** By yielding our tongue to the Spirit, we take a big step toward yielding other members of our body to the Spirit.
7. It reminds us of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.
  - A. This alone can affect the way we think and live.
  - B. **EPHESIANS 5:17-20**

#### CONCLUSION:

God wants us to be Spirit filled and to maintain a Spirit filled life. Praying and speaking in tongues is the initial evidence that we've been Spirit filled and by practicing it daily will help us maintain a Spirit filled life.